(7) G.S.R. No. 479(E), to G.S.R. No. 482(E) all dated the 28th June, 1993 seeking to exempt gold, silver and platinium imported under the modified schemes of the Exim Policy (1992--97) from the levy of customs duty as also additional duty besides amending and rescinding certain notifications to harmonide the customs exemptions with the Exim Policy 1992-97.

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SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Sir.....

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Mr. Chairman, Sir, how would you like to regulate this?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am asking Dr. Swamy to speak first.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: He is the defender of the faith. Why should he be asked to speak first!

(The **Deputy Chairman** in the Chair)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam Deputy Chairman... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam, please allow me to speak first. The Chairman has called my name.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, this is a serious matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Since the Chairman has permitted Mr. Swamy to speak first, let him speak first. After his speach, I will allow other Members to speak.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I was the first person to give a notice.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Since the Chairman has taken a decision, let Mr. Subramanian Swamy speak first. After Mr. Swamy, I will call each and every Member to speak. After all, somebody will have to speak first in the order, somebody will have to speak second in the order and somebody will have to speak last in the order... *(Interruptions)*. ...Mr. Subramanian Swamy, just a minute... *(Interruptions)*...

THE CABLE TELEVISION NETWORKS (REGULATION), BILL, 1993

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will allow the Minister to introduce a Bill so tdat he can go and do some work... *(Interruptions)*... According to today's roster duty, he will be sitting in this House and moreover discussion of his subject is not listed in the agenda... *(Interruptions)*... After introducing the Bill, if he wants to sit in this House, he can do so.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): Madam Deputy Chairman, I move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the operation of cable television networks in the country and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): How can the Cable T.V. be regulated when the Ministers themselves are giving intreviews on Cable T.V.? It is highly irregular.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In the same manner, sometimes Members speak without regulation.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Madam, Mr. Trivedi is objecting to Bill of the introductory stage... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me regulate at least this thing. If he had asked for my permission to object to the introduction of this Bill, I would have identified him and granted permission. Since he was addressing it to the Minister, I have to go by... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: That was my mistake... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now go ahead.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Madam, the Bill has already been introduced.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have not yet allowed the Minister to introduce it. Finally I have to say "Ayes have it."... (*Interruptions*)... A Member has a right to object to a Bill at the introductory stage. If the Minister wants to answer after the Member's objection, he can do so. Then, it will be introduced. But don't object to the procedure.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Madam, I think we are making a mockery of the entire parliamentary system itself. In other words, the entire country. ... (*Interruptions*)... Madam, the entire country is watching Cable T.V. and the programmes emanating from Cable T.V. How can the Government regulate the operation of Cable T.V. network in the country when Minister after Minister—who are supposed to be part of the Government—is giving interview on Cable T.V.?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Why can't you listen?... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him object to whatever he likes. The Minister is capable of answering him.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no point of order. There is no discussion. (*Interruptions*). There is no point of order. I am not allowing any point of order. Please take your seat. I am not allowing you.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Madam, the Chair has given me permission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have given him permission.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): What is the problem in my raising a point of order?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He is speaking.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: My objection is, even before the introduction of the Bill, which you are introducing now, you have already, by your conduct, given sanctity to the cable network. This is where my objection is and I object... (*Interruptions*). Why can't you listen? I have to tell the background why I am objecting.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal). Before introducing the Bill to regulate cable network, there should be a Bill to regulate this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: She also has a right to speak. But let him finish first.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: I am not going to take much time, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have raised your objection to the introduction of the Bill. There is no debate now. please take your seat. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Madam, I am on a point of order.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: I would like to know what the Minister has to say.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us hear what the Minister has to say. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, just half a minute.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: What happened to my point of order?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Minister first answer.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I would like to know what your problem is whenever I get up to speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no problem. It is your problem. I think you get up without. (*Interruptions*). I am not allowing.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, she is asking the Chair, "What is the problem?".

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Minister first answer. I have no problem.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Madam, there has been haphazard growth of cable television in this country. This Bill seeks to regulate all those haphazard things and bring, throughout the country, a uniform policy. What the hon. Member was saying may be true. Maybe some people are doing it illegally. The entire thing has to be looked at in its totality and that is why we are bringing this Bill so that the haphazard growth which can have dangerous implications from the cultural social and political angles, can be looked into.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

> "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to regulate the operation of cable television networks in the country and for matters connected therewith or incidential thereto."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE. POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS BY THE CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Subramanian Swamy.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Thank you, Madam Deputy Chairman. This is a matter of grave importance. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Chairman has permitted him.

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI (Orissa): Madam, let him speak as the last because he is speaking on behalf of the Government.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I am here speaking as a Member of Parliament. Mr. Bommai used to speak on behalf of the... (*Interruptions*)... people. I am speaking on my own behalf. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Chairman has permitted him. Let him speak.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, Mr. Swamy is speaking as a member of the 'Kitchen Cabinet'.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him speak.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam Deputy Chairman, this House should seriously consider the Constitutional question that has suddenly been brought to the notice of the whole country through a Press order.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Explain why 'suddenly'.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I am coming to that. (*Interruptions*). Today's papers have banner headlines to say that Mr. Seshan has cancelled all elections, including... (*Interruptions*). Yes, right. He has postponed all elections, including Rajya Sabha elections. Now, there are two important issues connected with this matter. It is unprecedented, no doubt. But these two issues should be separated. One is the Constitutional point that has been raised by Mr. Seshan and the second is the action he has taken to focus on his grievance or what he perceives as the curbing of his Constitutional rights and duties. The questions therefore, should be discussed separately.

As far as the Constitutional point is concerned Mr. Seshan has been raising it through correspondence with the Government. It is for the Government to explain why despite this voluminous correspondence, they were not able to satisfactorily answer the questions raised by Mr. Seshan. In fact, the Cabinet Secretary's letter which has been released by Mr. Seshan in his press note, merely reaffirms the position. It says that the